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Fallout of back-to-back crimes in Udayagiri

Shut shops by 10 pm: Residents

Police to enforce deadline if traders cooperate

DCP K.S. Sundar Raj during the Jana Samparka Sabhe held at a hotel in city yesterday.

Mysuru, Jan. 25 (BLU&BS)- Following a spate of crimes, including murder and clashes over trivial issues under Udayagiri Police Station limits, the City Police held a 'Jana Samparka Sabhe' (people's contact meeting), during which residents urged the Police to ensure that commercial establishments in the area shut down by 10 pm.

The meeting was held yesterday at the auditorium of a hotel in Rajivnagar, within the Udayagiri Police limits.

Prominent citizens of the locality expressed a unanimous view that business establishments should wind up operations by 10 pm to help curb crime.

Deputy Commissioner of Police (Crime and Traffic) K.S. Sundar Raj, who chaired the meeting, said the Police would enforce the 10 pm deadline if traders cooperate and voluntarily agreed to shut their shutters by the stipulated time.

Leaders representing various political parties, representatives of different communities, moulvis, traders and members of the general public participated in the meeting and shared their views.

(See SHOPS on page 7)

PRASHAD Scheme will affect Temple structure: Yaduveer

Yaduveer

Mysuru, Jan. 25 (BLU&BCT)- Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar has expressed concern that the ongoing works under the Centre's Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD) at Chamundi Hill could pose a threat to the iconic Gopura (tower) of the Sri Chamundeshwari Temple.

Speaking to reporters at the BJP office in Mysuru yesterday, he said authorities should first study the original construction methods used during the building of the Temple and carefully assess the pros and cons before proceeding with any new works.

Yaduveer said he had already conveyed his views to the authorities and noted that residents of Chamundi Hill were also opposing the project. While acknowledging the need for development at the Hill, he stressed that it should not come at the cost of its cultural and traditional heritage.

He further said that for the PRASHAD project, the consent of those opposing the works was more important than his own approval.

He urged officials to seek public opinion before moving ahead, but criticised the authorities for pushing the project without consulting stakeholders.

He said he was unable to understand the haste shown in executing the works.

Holiday

*Our offices will remain closed tomorrow on account of **Republic Day**. Hence, there will be no issue of **Star of Mysore** dated **Jan. 26, 2026 (Monday).***

— Management

Nirman building approval website

HACKED!

Mysuru, Jan. 25 (BLU&BCT)- The Nirman 2.0 website, launched by the State Government to streamline and bring transparency to the building plan approval process, has been hacked and has remained non-functional for the past 20 days, severely affecting residents of Mysuru and neighbouring local bodies seeking building licences.

The Karnataka State Data Centre (KSDC), which manages Nirman 2.0, has suspended public access to the portal following software glitches and cyber attacks.

Officials said an internal and external audit is underway and that it may take two to three weeks to complete the process and restore the system.

Nirman 2.0 was introduced to allow applicants to upload property documents and building plans online.

These are scrutinised by engineers through the Online Building Permission System (OBPS), after which digital approvals are issued.

However, users attempting to access the portal are now greeted with a message stating that the Land and Building Plan Approval Software (LBPS) site is 'under maintenance,' bringing the approval process to a complete halt.

(See WEBSITE HACKED on page 7)

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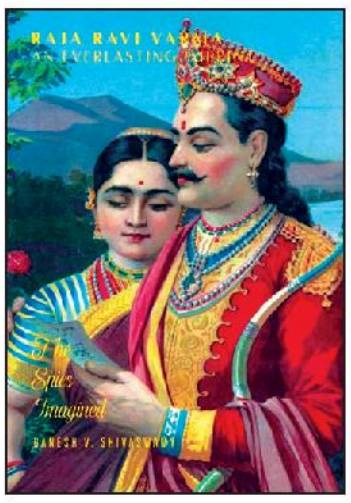
Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Sunday 25th January 2026

HHSNW Foundation to launch

'Raja Ravi Varma' 4th volume book series

Mysuru, Jan. 25 (BNR)- HH Sri Srikantadatta Narasimharaja Wadiyar (HHSNW) Foundation will be launching the 4th volume of the book series titled 'Raja Ravi Varma: An Everlasting Imprint - The Epics Imagined,' authored by Ganesh V. Shivaswamy, at an event organised at the Chandrashale Thotti Sabhangana in Mysore Palace premises on Jan. 31 at 5.30 pm.



This volume explores the images associated with the *Ramayana* and *Mahabharata*. Raja Ravi Varma enjoyed the patronage of the Wadiyars of Mysore, particularly Maharaja Chamaraja Wadiyar X and Maharaja Krishnaraja Wadiyar IV who commissioned several of his iconic works that brought to life, themes from the *Ramayana* and *Mahabharata*.

This book launch venue is special as it is in the older part of the Palace and was then used for cultural events and as a Yoga Shale. It has been recently renovated by the Foundation and the book launch will be the inaugural event at this historic venue. The venue is exclusive and has limited seating, according to a press release from Foundation President Pramoda Devi Wadiyar.

Music Concert

The book launch event will be followed by a vocal concert by Vidu. Smruthi Bhaskar, accompanied by Vid. Keshav Mohankumar on violin, Vid. Vinay Nagarajan on mridanga and Vid. Shamith Gowda on ghata.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

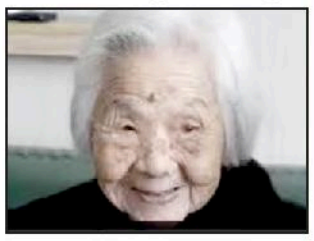
CLASSROOMS LAG BEHIND STATE'S AI AMBITION: ***When Karnataka Chief Secretary Shalini Rajneesh admitted that she was struggling to find Artificial Intelligence (AI) professionals for Government projects, it was a warning of what lies ahead. She said, the State no longer had the luxury of "months or years" to prepare. Even premier institutions, such as the International Institute of Information Technology (IIIT), were unable to supply enough data scientists and AI analysts. For a State that prides itself on being India's technology capital, the admission was sobering. The concern strikes at the heart of Karnataka's digital ambitions. The Information Technology Policy 2025-2030 lays out the bold vision of an "AI-native" economy, with incentives, Global Capability Centres and integrated enclaves.***

But policy can only create demand. Without talent, the ecosystem stalls. The gap between aspiration and ability is widening and it is rooted in education.

The solution lies in an education-first pivot. Karnataka must rapidly scale reskilling through intensive finishing schools and industry-led certification programmes for existing graduates. Simultaneously, AI literacy must begin early, with computational thinking embedded in curricula and a structured programme to train teachers, especially in Government-run schools. Instead of multiplying general Universities, the State should consolidate resources into specialised vertical institutions focused on AI, cyber security and data science, creating a critical mass of talent and infrastructure. Decentralising this effort beyond Bengaluru — to Mysuru, Hubballi-Dharwad and Mangaluru — will widen the talent pool and prevent saturation. If education is treated as a core pillar rather than a support function, Karnataka can move beyond being India's technology back office. With the right talent strategy, it can credibly aspire to become the country's, and perhaps the world's, AI brain. —*In Deccan Herald*

NEWS SPARKLERS

101-year-old breaks rule of healthy living

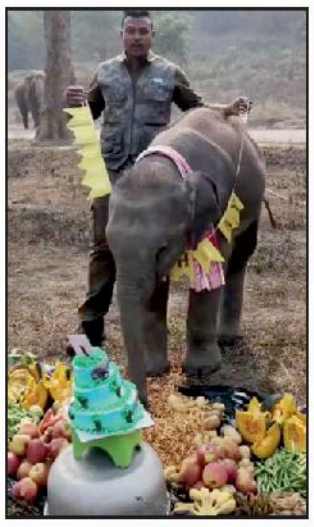


Beijing: A 101-year-old woman from China has caught public attention for living what many are calling a "reverse lifestyle," staying up late to watch television, enjoying snacks at night and still remaining healthy with all her teeth intact.

Jiang Yueqin from Wenzhou is the mother of seven and has become an online talking point after her daughter shared details of her daily routine.

According to her family, Jiang stays awake till 2 am watching television and wakes up naturally at about 10 am. She starts her day with a strong cup of green tea. Despite her age, Jiang has never needed dentures or dental treatment. Her daughter said she chews everything slowly and comfortably. Her family credits her long life to good sleep, regular green tea and a calm mindset.

Birthday of little elephant celebrated



Guwahati: Elephant lover Bipin Kashyap recently celebrated the birthday of a little domestic elephant calf named Priyanshi, also called Momo. The celebration video quickly went viral on social media.

In the video, Bipin Kashyap can be seen happily celebrating Priyanshi's birthday and singing the birthday song. His love and happiness towards the elephant have touched the hearts of the audience.

Priyanshi, also known as Momo, has a pet elephant, and the video shows the strong bond between her and Bipin Kashyap. This celebration is a simple but sweet way to honour the little elephant.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Abdominal Wall Reconstruction Beyond Hernia Repair

Large and recurrent hernias involve restoring abdominal wall function, not merely closing a defect.

By Dr. Vasudev Pai H - Senior Consultant – Surgical Gastroenterology and HPB Surgery, Manipal Hospitals, Mysuru

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60th Annual Taipusam Mahotsava at Sri Subramanyaswamy Temple

Mysuru, Jan. 25 (BNR)- As part of the 60th Annual Taipusam Mahotsava 2026, the following programmes have been organised at Sri Subramanyaswamy Temple in Vishweshwaranagar from Jan. 26 to Feb. 2:

Jan. 26 - 6.30 pm: Inauguration with 'Go Puja.' It will be followed by cultural programmes by Chethana Smart Kids.

Jan. 27 - 6.30 pm: Dance programme by Vidu. S. Sowmyarani's troupe; Music programme by Vidu. Shantalakshmi Purushotham and troupe.

Jan. 28 - 6.30 pm: Devaranama programme by Raghavendra Ratnakar and troupe; Devaranama and Devotional Songs by M.N. Kamakshi of Sri Lakshmikanta Bhajana Mandali.

Jan. 29 - 6.30 pm: Bharatanatyam by Vidu. S.N. Meghanarao's troupe (Natya Samskruti Kalaniketana); Cultural programme by S. Nethra's troupe (Manu Vidya Cultural Foundation, Mysuru).

Jan. 30 - 6.30 pm: Srivalli Devasena Sametha Sri Subramanyaswamy Kalyanotsava.

Jan. 31 - 6.30 pm: Bhajan programme by Bhajana Mandali of Sri Subramanyaswamy Temple; Classical music programme by M.V. Anitha and H.B. Roopashree.

Feb. 1 - 4.45 am: Taipusam - Sankalpa, Kshreerabhisheka, Palani Panchamruta Abhisheka, Rudrabhisheka, Special Alankara, Mahamanagalarati and Prasada Viniyoga; **6.30 pm:** Srivalli Devasena Sametha Sri Subramanyaswamy Utsava in silver chariot along with cultural troupes.

Feb. 2 - 12 noon: Anna Santarpane in front of the temple, according to a press release.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM	KABINI DAM	HARANGI DAM
Maximum **124.80 feet**	Maximum **2,284 feet**	Maximum **2,859 feet**
Today's level **121.90 feet**	Today's level **2,275.20 feet**	Today's level **2,829.94 feet**
Last year's level **122.16 feet**	Last year's level **2,279.82 feet**	Last year's level **2,836.49 feet**
Yesterday's level **121.28 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,275.23 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,829.88 feet**
Today's Inflow **607 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **379 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **268 cusecs**
Today's Outflow **3,487 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **500 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **200 cusecs**

REALLY...?

- *In the wild, hippos live for around 40 years. In captivity, they tend to live longer and may reach up to 50 years old.*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Teacher: *Glen, how do you spell "Crocodile?"*
Glen: *KROKODIAL*
Teacher: *No, that is wrong.*
Glen: *May be it is wrong. But you asked me how I spell it.*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 91.59
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 125.06
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 24.96
1 Euro	= Rs. 108.44

VOICE OF THE READER

Delaying trains instead of speeding up!

Sir,

The Mysuru-Bengaluru railway line has been doubled, electrified and upgraded for speeds of up to 110 kmph. However, trains on this section are now slower than they were earlier on the single diesel line.

To glorify Vande Bharat service, Shatabdi Express has been slowed to a travel time of 2 hours and 15 minutes, despite being capable of completing the journey in just 1 hour and 45 minutes. It was achieving this timing before introduction of Vande Bharat and is also significantly cheaper. Similarly, several express trains are capable of reaching Bengaluru in around 2 hours and 15 mins. Indian Railways is investing heavily in upgrading tracks for higher speeds — from 100-110 kmph to 130 kmph. However, these increased speeds are not benefiting passengers who end their journey at the final destination.

Advantage of higher speeds is not reflected in actual time savings. Instead, it has become merely an experience of travelling faster, without any real reduction in journey time. Rather than focusing solely on increasing train speeds, Railways should invest more in speeding up station operations & signalling efficiency. Despite having 6 platforms at Mysuru Station, trains are frequently halted at home signal for prolonged periods.

In an era where Metro trains operate at intervals of just 3 minutes, one is compelled to ask whether Indian Railways is 30-50 years behind in terms of technology & operational efficiency.

—Vasanth

Mysuru 17.1.2026

Ex-MP meets MP Yaduveer, raises railway, traffic issues

Mysuru, Jan. 25 (DM)- Former MP Prathap Simha met Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar seeking the extension of certain trains and the construction of railway underbridges at several level crossings to ease traffic congestion in the city.

In a memorandum submitted to the MP, Simha pointed out that the railway underbridge at K.G. Koppal is too narrow, causing obstruction to smooth vehicular movement. The former MP also urged the construction of a railway underbridge at the Crawford Hall-Kukkarahalli Lake entrance junction on the Mysuru-Nanjangud railway section and sought the widening of the road at the stretch to 7.5 metres to ease congestion.

Other demands included widening of KRS Road, expediting works on the road underbridge near the Royal Inn Hotel junction, and removal of the railway level crossing on the Mysuru-Arasikere section. The latter is one of the four proposed underbridges on the Outer Ring Road (ORR), which forms part of NH-275.

Simha also sought extension of the Yeshwanthpur-Barmer-Yeshwanthpur weekly Express (Train No. 14805/06) and the KSR Bengaluru City-Jodhpur bi-weekly Express (Train No. 16508/09) up to Mysuru.

Later, Simha said, he would thank the MP for responding positively to the demands related to railway projects and services in Mysuru.

Gouri Satya's new book

Mysurina Asamanyaru released

JSS Mahavidyapeetha Executive Secretary Dr. C.G. Betsurmath releasing the book** Mysurina Asamanyaru, **authored by senior journalist Gouri Sathya** (extreme left) **at Rotary Hall on JLB Road in city yesterday as Dr. Jyothi Shankar and Shubha Sanjay Urs look on.

Mysuru, Jan. 25 (MTY&BS)- Senior journalist and columnist Gouri Satya's new book 'Mysurina Asamanyaru,' a collection of 50 articles published in *Mysuru Mithra*, a sister publication of *Star of Mysore (SOM)*, was released at Rotary Hall on JLB Road in city yesterday.

JSS Mahavidyapeetha Executive Secretary Dr. C.G. Betsurmath released the book at a programme organised by Mysuru Book Clubs Charitable Trust in association with Kannada Odugara Okkuta. The book is published by K.V. Srinivas of Mahima Prakashana.

Addressing the gathering, Dr. Betsurmath said, if the then Maharajas of Mysore attained fame, it was due to the contributions of Dewans, Amaldars and Engineers and officials belonging to different cadre, towards the development of Mysore province.

"Apart from Maharajas of Mysore, we know about the Dewans Poornaiah, Sir Mirza Ismail and Sir M. Visvesvaraya, but little do we know about several other Dewans, who have made efforts for the development of the province. Poornaiah is popular for his administrative acumen, with a museum built about the great visionary at Yalandur in Chamarajanagar. Most of the people are not aware about Amaldars, DCs and their subordinate staff, comprising who and all, Mysore province became Rama Rajya," said Dr. Betsurmath.

The book also contains information about the great personalities who advocated for women's education, along with the power of Amaldar, Chief Engineer, Doctors, DC, Plague Commissioner, Sanitary Commissioner, Assistant Commissioner, IGP, Police Superintendent and Judges, besides the popular names in the fields of literature, music, theatre, art and culture, dance etc., he added.

Mysuru Book Clubs Charitable Trust Founder-Chairman Shubha Sanjay Urs received the first copy of the book.

Gamaki Dr. Jyothi Shankar from KSOU spoke on the book. Author of the book Gouri Satya was present.

Traffic awareness programme at St. Philomena's College

Mysuru, Jan. 25- As part of its continuous quality initiatives and commitment to social responsibility, IQAC of St. Philomena's College, Mysuru, in collaboration with Mysuru City Traffic Police, organised a Traffic Awareness Programme on Jan. 17 in the College Indoor Stadium.

Rev. Fr. Lourdu Prasad Joseph, Rector and Manager of the college, presided. Dr. Ravi J. D. Saldanha, Principal; Rev. Fr. Jnana Pragasam, Administrator; Rev. Fr. David Sagayaraj S., Assistant to the Rector; and Mr. Ronald Prakash Cutinha, Vice Principal (Administration) and Mr. A. Thomas Gunaseelan, IQAC Coordinator were present.

Shivashankar, Assistant Commissioner of Police, Mysuru City Traffic Police, who was the chief guest, emphasised the importance of traffic discipline, responsible driving and adherence to traffic rules to ensure road safety. He also highlighted the role of educational institutions in shaping socially responsible citizens and administered an oath to the students and the staff.

Resource persons from N.R. Mohalla Police Station — Rekha Bhai, Police Inspector; M.L. Siddesh, Police Sub-Inspector; and Mahaveer, Police Sub-Inspector — conducted engaging and informative sessions on traffic regulations, common violations, road safety measures, and preventive strategies to reduce accidents.

The event was co-ordinated by the IQAC under the leadership of A. Thomas Gunaseelan, IQAC Coordinator, with the support of Dr. V. Deepa, IQAC Co-Coordinator.

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Pourakarmikas air grievances, list employment discrepancies

Karnataka State Safai Karmachari Commission Chairman P. Raghu interacting with Pourakarmikas at Kalamandira in city recently as Secretary of the Commission Sumaiya Roohi (third from left) and others look on.

Mysuru, Jan. 25 (BLU&BS)- Several Pourakarmikas aired their grievances during an interaction with Karnataka State Safai Karmachari Commission Chairman P. Raghu at Kalamandira in city recently.

They alleged that although Urban Local Bodies (ULBs), including the Mysuru City Corporation are hiring them on outsourcing basis and no benefits were being extended to their next of kin in the event of their untimely death. They said that dependents are pushed into a financial crisis on losing the family's sole breadwinner.

No quality food

They said discrepancies in recruitment procedures need to be addressed and complained about the supply of substandard breakfast, which they feared could adversely affect their health.

"We are not being paid salaries by the fifth of every month, pushing us to the brink of hardship. Pourakarmikas, who meet eligibility criteria should be considered for housing benefits under Ashraya Yojana," they appealed.

Other grievances included not providing uniforms, annual advance usually given during Dasara and the lack of health check-up facilities in most hospitals across the city and district, except empanelled ones.

They also demanded that vacant Pourakarmika posts be filled and insisted that contractors who secure tenders for outsourcing should provide insurance coverage so that workers can avail benefits under the Labour Department. They urged the Government to issue suitable directions in this regard.

Hoteliers warned

Earlier, addressing the gathering, Commission Chairman Raghu warned hoteliers against denying Pourakarmikas access to toilets and quality food.

Complaints had been received about some hotels ill-treating Pourakarmikas, he said, adding that action would be taken after discussions with the Deputy Commissioner.

Educate children

Raghu advised Pourakarmikas to utilise Government institutions such as Morarji Desai Model Residential Schools, Indira Gandhi Residential Schools and Navodaya Schools for their children's education to help them pursue alternative career paths.

He suggested Pourakarmikas make effective use of modern machinery for cleaning and other purposes.

Safai Karmachari Commission Secretary Sumaiya Roohi, Joint Director of Social Welfare Department Rangegowda, District Urban Development Cell Director Priyadarshini and others were present.

Special Police drives: 166 petty cases, 108 COTPA cases registered

Mysuru, Jan. 25 (PM&KS)- The Mysuru City Police, who have intensified enforcement across the city, conducted special drives in Udayagiri, Narasimharaja (NR) and Mandi Police limits on Saturday and have registered 166 petty cases and 108 cases under Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act (COTPA).

The special drives by Police officers and staff along with a commando team were conducted between 6 pm and 10.30 pm in the above Police limits during which cases were registered on those violating the law on public roads and public places.

During the special drives, commercial establishments which were open beyond 10.30 pm were asked to down the shutters. Also, action will be taken against those who wander around unnecessarily after the specified time.

The Police have urged the public to co-operate in maintaining peace and law and order and to put brakes on illegal activities across the city.

Restrooms, insurance for Pourakarmikas under review

Karnataka State Safai Karmachari Commission Chairman P. Raghu (third from right), chairing over a progress review meeting held at D. Devaraj Urs meeting hall at Zilla Panchayat premises in city recently.

Mysuru, Jan. 25 (MTY&BS)- Karnataka State Safai Karmachari Commission Chairman P. Raghu has instructed officers to decide on the construction of restrooms for Pourakarmikas.

Speaking at a review meeting held at D. Devaraj Urs meeting hall in Zilla Panchayat premises here yesterday, Raghu stressed the need for restrooms where Pourakarmikas can relax for a while after breakfast, noting that they are engaged in strenuous cleaning work every day.

"Pourakarmikas play a pivotal role in maintaining cleanliness and health. Officers should discuss the issue with higher authorities and find solutions to overcome existing hurdles," he said.

He also directed officers to take a call on providing insurance cover, sites and housing facilities to Pourakarmikas. Those engaged in manual scavenging should be identified and educated about the law prohibiting the practice, with steps taken to mainstream them, he added.

Raghu drew attention to agencies that have secured cleaning tenders at KSRTC bus stands but employed inadequate staff, allegedly extracting excess work and delaying salaries.

Deputy Commissioner G. Lakshmikanth Reddy informed the Commission Chairman about a complaint against an agency for failing to remit Provident Fund (PF) and ESI contributions of Pourakarmikas who worked at the APMC during the previous financial year.

He suggested that sharing details of blacklisted agencies would help avoid issuing work orders to them and that monitoring bank passbooks of Pourakarmikas could help check irregularities in salary payments.

Safai Karmachari Commission Secretary Sumaiya Roohi directed officers to submit a comprehensive report on facilities such as identity cards, pay slips, PF, ESI and life insurance cover.

Zilla Panchayat Chief Executive Officer S. Ukesh Kumar, Mysuru City Corporation Commissioner Shaikh Tanveer Asif and other officials were present.

Bid to grab 320-acre Government land worth Rs. 200 crore ED takes over probe

Nagamangala Taluk Office.

Mysuru, Jan. 25- The case of attempting to grab 320-acre Government land worth Rs. 200 crore in Nagamangala has now grabbed the attention of Enforcement Directorate (ED) with officials securing all documents related to the case yesterday.

The ED officials visited the Nagamangala Town Police Station, L and D branch and Record Room of Nagamangala Taluk Office and recovered the documents related to the case for further investigation.

Meanwhile, the case is being investigated by a team led by Dy.SP Cheluvaraju. Lokayukta Police is conducting separate investigation.

Another arrested

Nagamangala Town Police arrested another accused Vijaykumar, who has been named as Accused No. 9 in the case. Vijaykumar, who was absconding was arrested by the Police and produced before the Court which remanded him to judicial custody.

Two separate teams of officials led by Additional DC Shivananda Murthy and Mandya Assistant Commissioner have been monitoring the Revenue Department in Nagamangala and have been supporting the ongoing investigation into the land grab case.

It may be recalled that the Lokayukta sleuths had arrested five persons on charges of attempting to grab 320 acres of Government land and *gomala* land (land reserved for livestock) in Nagamangala taluk worth Rs. 200 crore recently.

Lokayukta Police had acted on a public complaint regarding attempt to grab land and *gomala* lands at H.N. Kavalu, Chikkajataka, Doddajataka, Karadahalli and other villages in Nagamangala taluk.

Upa Lokayukta Justice B. Veerappa had filed a *suo motu* case on Jan. 12 and ordered necessary action. Subsequently, teams of Lokayukta Police led by Mandya Lokayukta SP Suresh Babu conducted raids on Jan. 13 at Nagamangala Taluk Office and on the residences of officials named in the case.

Concerts, drama pull crowds at *Uttarayana*

Niranjan Dindodi presenting Karnatak Music at Jagannatha Centre for Art And Culture (JCAC) premises in Vijayanagar 1st Stage, Mysuru, yesterday as part of the 1st Edition of 'Uttarayana' Art & Culture Festival organised by JCAC. He is accompanied by C.V. Shruthi on violin and Nandan Kashyap on mridanga.

Artistes of the Little Earth Theatre staging the multilingual play 'Koohoo' at JCAC premises last evening as part of 'Uttarayana' Art & Culture Festival.

Sri Krishna-Balarama Ratha Yatra held

Mysuru, Jan. 25 (PM&VNS)- A grand Sri Krishna-Balarama Ratha Yatra, organised by International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON), Mysuru, was held in city yesterday.

The chariot with the statues of Lord Krishna and Lord Balarama passed through main thoroughfares of the city with thousands of devotees from various parts of the city singing songs dedicated to Lord Krishna.

Earlier, Ratha Yatra was inaugurated by former MLC G. Madhusudan and City Police Commissioner Seema Latkar by pulling the chariot in front of Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple at the Mysore Place North Gate.

Ratha Yatra passed through Chamaraja Wadiyar Circle, Silver Jubilee Clock Tower, Gandhi Square, Dufferin Clock Tower, D. Devaraja Urs Road, Chamaraja Double Road, Ramaswamy Circle among other main junctions before culminating at ISKCON Temple in Jayanagar.

Mysore Palace Board Deputy Director T.S. Subramanya, ISKCON Bengaluru President Madhu Pandit Das, ISKCON Hubballi President Rajeeva Lochana Das, ISKCON Bengaluru Senior Vice-President Vasudeva Keshava Das, Chennai Hare Krishna Campaign President Suvyakta Narasimha Das were present.

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The 1st Edition of Art & Culture Festival by Jagannatha Centre for Art And Culture (JCAC) — 'Uttarayana' — at JCAC premises in Vijayanagar 1st Stage, Mysuru. Events are as follows:

TODAY (Jan. 25)

- **At Vedika — 5 pm to 6.30 pm:** Karnatak Music by Bangalore Brothers (M.B. Hariharan and S. Ashok) along with Mattur Vishwajith, B.S. Prashanth and G.S. Ramanujan; **7 pm to 8 pm:** Kathak by Nirupama-Rajendra; **8 pm to 9 pm:** Bharatanatyam by Rukmini Vijaya Kumar.
- **At Kalyani — 5 pm to 6.30 pm:** Theatre Music - Rangataranga - Samyojitha School of Music.
- **At Nakshatra — 7 pm to 8 pm:** Mud Music Collective - Ganesh, Naveen, Rajneesh, Pavan, Akshay and Kartika.
- **At Angala — 7 pm to 9 pm:** Drama 'Dhin Chek Pom Pom' - A children's play (Language: Gibberish).

TOMORROW (Jan. 26)

- **At Vedika — 10 am to 11.30 am:** Lecture by Lakshmeesha Tholpadi on 'DVG Mankutimmana Kagga: Ondu Chintane'; **12 noon to 2 pm:** Lecture on 'The Making of the Preamble' by Ravi Joshi and 'Humanisms Outside the Constitution' by Chandan Gowda; **2 pm to 4 pm:** Hasya Kavigoshti - H. Dundiraj, B.R. Lakshmana Rao, H. Prahalad Rao, N. Ramanath and Shantaram V. Shetty; **5 pm to 6.30 pm:** Dance Drama - Sanatani - Sujay Shanbhog; **7 pm to 9 pm:** Hindustani Vocal - Pt. Venkatesh Kumar, Pt. Keshav Joshi and Pt. Veerabhadraiah Hiremath.
- **At Angala — 11 am to 12.30 pm:** Karnatak Percussion - Mani Vaibhavam Mridangam Compositions - Karaikudi R. Mani, R. Ramesh, Kishore Ramesh and M. Keshav; **12.30 pm to 2 pm:** Karnatak Music by Smruthi Bhaskar, Prithvi Bhaskar, Adamya Ramanand and K.M. Likhith; **7 pm to 9 pm:** Drama 'Restlessness in Pieces (RIP)' - A solo by Dr. Savita Rani (Language: English and Hindi).
- **At Foyer (Beside Angala) — 5 pm to 6.30 pm:** Musical Performance - Rhythm Tadim - Horizon School of Drums.

ON TUESDAY (Jan. 27)

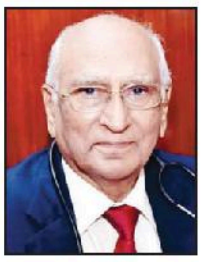
- **At Vedika — 9 am:** A day devoted to the composer Saint Thyagaraja. Presentations by disciples of leading musicians of Mysuru — Vidu. Dr. Sukanya Prabhakar, Vid. H.K. Narasimhamurthy, Vidu. Neeraja Achyutha Rao, Vidu. Gayathri Sathyanarayana, Vid. A.P. Krishnaprasad, Vidu. G.S. Rajalakshmi, Vidu. H.N. Rajalakshmi and Teachers & Students of Ganabharathi School of Music; **12 noon to 1.30 pm:** Group Singing of Thyagaraja Pancharatna Kritis by the Musicians of Mysuru; **3.30 pm to 4 pm:** Bharatanatyam - Dr. Rohitha Eswer - A Thematic Presentation on Thyagaraja Kritis; **4 pm to 7 pm:** Valedictory function - Senior Theatre Director T.S. Nagabharana and noted Humourist Prof. M. Krishnegowda will take part; **7 pm onwards:** Karnatak Instrumental Music by Mysore Brothers (Mysore M. Nagaraj and Dr. M. Manjunath) with Patri Satish Kumar and Giridhar Udupa.
- **At Foyer — 3 pm to 4 pm:** Performances by Workshop Students.
- **At Angala — 7 pm to 9 pm:** Drama - Praanapadmini - Spandana Sagara (Language: Kannada).

DAILY FEATURE

- **ARCHITECTURE — 10 am to 7 pm:** A Life in Architecture - An exhibition of Girish Doshi's works at Ambaka auditorium.
- **VISUAL ART — 10 am to 7 pm:** Paytay Beedhi at Uttarayana is a preview of a larger visual arts exhibition, coming soon to JCAC. Start at Chittara and follow the Paytay Beedhi sign across JCAC to discover eight interventions ranging from exhibitions to cross- disciplinary encounters that trace the many ways art has found life in Mysore.

R-Day: Interesting facts

By Dr. C.D. Sreenivasa Murthy



Dr. Murthy

On January 26, 2026, India celebrates its **77th Republic Day,** a milestone that blends the nation's deep-rooted history with its modern aspirations. This year's celebrations are particularly historic, marked by unprecedented diplomatic gestures and unique additions to the traditional parade.

Many people assume India became a Republic the moment it gained Independence. India was a **Constitutional Monarchy** for nearly three years with King George VI as the Head of State and India continued to use the British-era *Government of India Act 1935* as its governing document until the Constitution was officially adopted in 1950. **The official chief of India was the Governor General and not the President.** The first Governor General of Independent India was **Lord Louis Mountbatten** and he was succeeded by the eminent freedom fighter **C. Rajagopalachari.**

The Constituent Assembly debated for nearly three years and the **Constitution** was finally accepted and signed on 26th November 1949 by all the members of the Assembly and it came into effect on 26th January 1950 when the nation declared itself as a sovereign Democratic Republic. The words Socialist and Secular were added later by a constitutional amendment.

Date and venues

The date January 26 was chosen to honour the **"Purna Swaraj"** (Complete Independence) declaration of 1930. On that day, the Indian National Congress, at its Lahore session, had first unfurled the Tricolour and called for total self-rule, making it the spiritual birth date of Indian Republic.

The magnificent Kartavya Path in which we see the Independence Day Parade today was known as The King's Way in the British times. After independence the name was changed to Rajpath, and later by the present government to Kartavya Path. It's a grand boulevard which starts from Rashtrapati Bhavan, the Old Viceregal Palace, on the Raisina Hill down to the West and ends at Red Fort. It was designed by the architect of New Delhi Edward Lutyens for the grand military parades as an expression of the power and might of the British Monarch.

In 1950, the first Republic Day Parade was held at the Irwin Amphitheatre. It's a beautiful Stadium Built by Maharaja of Bhavanagar and named after the Viceroy Lord Irwin, who conceived the idea of shifting the Capital of India from Calcutta to New Delhi. The venue was later named Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium, in honour of the hockey legend. The first guest of the first Parade of the new Republic of India was **Sukharno,** the President of Indonesia. He was a close friend of Prime Minister Nehru and both were actively involved in the non-alignment movement.

Malik Gulam Ahmed, Governor General of Pakistan, with President Rajendra Prasad at Rashtrapati Bhavan in 1955. *Pic. right:* ***Prime Minister Nehru, Indonesian President Sukarno, Mrs. Sukarno, Vijayalaxmi Pandit and Dy.PM Sardar Patel at the first Republic Day.***

In 1951, the R-Day Parade was held at Red Fort. The next time in 1953, the venue was Ram Leela Grounds. There were no Parades in 1952 and 1954. The majestic Republic Day procession was permanently shifted to Rajpath in 1955.

An unusual chief guest

The unusual guest for this Republic Day in 1955 was **Mallik Gulam Ahmed,** the Governor General of Pakistan. Pakistan had not yet adopted a Constitution and still had a dominion status. Hence the chief of the country was Governor-General. The horrors of the partition were still fresh in the mind of Indians, and Delhi was filled with refugees. It was a controversial decision and many in the government resisted the idea. But the Prime Minister invited the Governor General of Pakistan as he felt it would be a good gesture of détente to bring lasting peace between the two nations.

Mallik Gulam Ahmed (1895-1956) was a Pakistani Statesman, serving as Pakistan's first Finance Minister and later its third Governor-General (1951-1955). He was not only known for his pivotal role in establishing the new nation's economy, but also for the controversial political actions like dismissing governments and the Constituent Assembly, eroding democratic institutions. He co-founded the Mahindra & Mohammad (now Mahindra & Mahindra) company in India, before emigrating to Pakistan.

India invites Pakistan again

India's Prime Minister Lal Bahadur Shastri invited Field Marshal Ayub Khan to be the chief guest for Republic Day in 1965 as a gesture of goodwill. Ayub Khan responded coolly, sending his Agriculture Minister instead of attending himself, seen as contemptuous of India's invite. The invitation didn't result in genuine peace. Pakistan's military leadership, feeling superior after the Indian debacle in Sino-Indian War, sought to ignite conflict in Kashmir and viewed India as weak and started the war in 1965. The Indo-Pak War started in April 1965 with skirmishes in the Rann of Kutch, escalating to a major conflict in August-September after Pakistan's Operation Gibraltar aimed to infiltrate Kashmir and spark an insurgency, leading India to launch a full-scale counter-offensive.

Mystery of 21-gun salute

The iconic 21-gun salute that accompanies the National Anthem is a marvel of precision. It isn't 21 cannons, but only seven vintage 25-pounder guns that fire three rounds each. The first shot is fired at the start of the National Anthem and the last shot is fired exactly 52 seconds later matching the duration of the anthem perfectly. These guns were manufactured in 1941.

Royal departure

Before January 26, 1950, the Indian Air Force was known as **"Royal Indian Air Force."** On Republic Day, the word "Royal" was officially dropped as the nation shed its final colonial ties to British Crown and became the Indian Air Force.

600-hour rule

The precision you see on TV is the result of extreme discipline. Participants in the parade start their rehearsals in July of the previous year. By the time they march on January 26, each group has practiced for approximately 600 hours. They even undergo four levels of security checks, including an inspection to ensure their weapons are not loaded with live ammunition.

The Beating Retreat Ceremony.

Padma Awards

These are the highest civilian awards the Government of India bestows on people whose work has significant contribution to the nation or the world. The list of these honours is announced by the President's Office on the eve of R-Day and presented in a stately ceremony at Rashtrapati Bhavan later in the year.

2026 special highlights

The theme for 2026 is "Vande Mataram," commemorating the 150th anniversary of India's national song. The festivities focus on the dual pillars of cultural pride and the Atmanirbhar Bharat.

In a significant diplomatic first, India has invited the top leadership of the European Union. **Ursula von der Leyen** (President of the European Commission) and **António Costa** (President of the European Council) will attend as chief guests. This signals a new era of strategic and economic partnership as negotiations for the India-EU Free Trade Agreement (FTA) appear to have reached a critical concluding stage.

Beating Retreat

This event marks the formal conclusion of Republic Day celebrations. Military Bands perform patriotic tunes and the ceremony ends with the lowering of flags. The event was conceived by **Major G.A. Roberts** at the request of Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru specifically for the State visit of **Queen Elizabeth II** and **Prince Philip.** Later it was adopted as the concluding ceremony of R-Day.

The bands use both Western and Indian instruments such as bugles, trumpets, drums, pipes and sitars. The ceremony also includes performances by the Army Symphony Orchestra and the Traditional Ensemble, which use a mix of European and Indian instruments.

CAPF (Central Armed Police Forces) and Delhi Police Bands joined the ceremony in 2016, adding more diversity and vibrancy to the event. The ceremony ends with the bugle call for Retreat, followed by lowering of the National Flag and the playing of the National Anthem.

The Republic Day pageantry showcases India's military might and cultural diversity, standing as a testament to the nation's soft power.

Rathasapthami

Devotees throng Mysore Palace for darshan of Utsava Murtis; Yoga enthusiasts perform mass 108 Suryanamaskaras

Mysuru, Jan. 25 (MTY&KS)- Hundreds of devotees thronged the Mysore Palace this morning to have a darshan of the Utsava Murtis on the occasion of Rathasapthami.

Eight Utsava Murtis of various Gods and Goddesses from Palace temples were brought out and placed in front of the Palace, enabling devotees to have darshan.

Rathasapthami is a Hindu festival observed on the seventh day (Saptami) of the bright half (Shukla Paksha) of the Hindu month of Maagha. It represents Surya, the Sun God, riding his chariot drawn by seven horses — signifying the seven colours — moving in a north-easterly direction towards the Northern Hemisphere. All the idols were specially decorated, and special pujas were performed in accordance with traditional and customary rituals.

The Utsava Murtis included Shwetha Varaha Swamy, Khille Venkataramana Swamy, Lakshmi Venkataramana Swamy, Prasanna Krishna, Gayathri Devi, Trinayaneshwara Swamy and Bhuvaneshwari. It is only during Rathasapthami that the 'Prakarotsava' is conducted after installing all the Utsava Murtis at one place.

Mass 108 Suryanamaskaras

Mysore Yoga Okkuta, as part of its 35th anniversary, organised a mass 108 Suryanamaskaras in front of the Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple early this morning.

The event was inaugurated by senior journalist Amshi Prasanna Kumar. Over 300 yoga enthusiasts, including several foreigners, performed Suryanamaskara as the Sun emerged on the horizon.

Mysore Yoga Okkuta Honorary President Dr. A.S. Chandrashekar presided over the programme. D. Srihari of GSS Yoga Foundation, A.P. Nagesh, Managing Partner of APN Properties, and social worker Dr. K. Raghuram Vajpayee were present as chief guests.

Mysore Yoga Okkuta President K.G. Devaraju, Honorary President T. Jalendra Kumar, Working Presidents Dr. B.P. Murthy and Shantharam, Vice-Presidents M.S. Shivaprakash, M.S. Ramesh Kumar and Ashadevi, General Secretary Yogakumar, along with others, were present.

9,157 candidates attend KPSC exams in city

Mysuru, Jan. 25 (MTY&VNS)- A total of 9,157 candidates attended the Karnataka Public Service Commission (KPSC) examination for recruitment of various posts in government departments conducted by Karnataka Examination Authority across 29 centres in city this morning.

While a total of 13,501 were issued hall tickets, only 9,157 candidates appeared for the examination and 4,344 candidates skipped the exams.

In the morning session, candidates appeared for general knowledge examination and in the afternoon session held between 2.30 pm and 4.30 pm candidates attended the language paper.

Additional DC Dr. P. Shivaraju, who supervised the examinations, visited all 29 centres to ensure the examinations were held transparently. The candidates were checked thoroughly before being let into the examination halls. The City Police had also deployed security personnel including home guards at Maharaja's Junior College, Maharani's Junior College, D. Banumaiah's College, Teresian College, Maharani's Arts and Commerce College, Maharani's Science College for Women among other centres to name a few. The authorities had also shut photocopy shops located within 200 metres radius of the examination centres.

Shut shops by 10 pm

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Residents said that shops remaining open late into the night had led to an increase in the activities of wayward elements.

They alleged that incidents of quarrels and clashes had risen due to the consumption of tobacco products, ganja and alcohol. Petty crimes arising out of personal grudges were also on the rise, with youths being drawn into such activities. They strongly urged the Police to make the 10 pm closure mandatory.

Assuring action within the framework of the law, DCP Sundar Raj asked local leaders to persuade traders to cooperate. He also urged the public to share information related to drug abuse, as well as the use, storage, transportation and sale of narcotic substances, to enable the police to take appropriate action.

Those present at the meeting expressed their willingness to cooperate with the police in tackling crime and drug-related activities. Devaraja Sub-division ACP Rajendra, Narasimharaja Sub-division ACP K.T. Mathews Thomas and Inspectors Sudhakar and Swarna were present at the meeting.

Nirman building approval website hacked !

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With the system down, applicants constructing residential and commercial buildings have been unable to submit applications online.

Repeated visits to MCC

Those with urgent requirements are making repeated visits to the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) office with physical documents. Even applicants whose plans have already been approved by the engineering wing are unable to download their licences due to the technical failure.

This is not the first such disruption. In July 2020, Nirman 2.0 faced similar technical problems, following which the Government had temporarily permitted offline submissions until the system was restored.

The prolonged shutdown has dealt a major blow to builders, developers and housing projects in Mysuru. With online applications stalled, approvals for new layouts, housing projects and individual building plans have been delayed, disrupting construction schedules and leaving homebuyers waiting for site allotments.

Housing cooperative societies and private developers, who depend on timely clearances to launch projects, are facing mounting financial pressure and uncertainty. The disruption has slowed real estate activity.

Citizens have demanded that the MCC once again allow offline submission of applications until the Nirman 2.0 website is fully restored, so that building licences can be issued without further delay.

'Website to reopen in 2 weeks'

"The Nirman 2.0 website will reopen in two weeks. A new software system — Karnataka's Unified Land Management System (ULMS) — is being integrated with Nirman 2.0, due to which the website has been temporarily suspended.

Compared to the existing software, the new system offers several advantages and will enable faster approval of building licences. While people may face some inconvenience at present due to the website issue, the licensing process will become quicker and more efficient in the future."

— Shaikh Tanveer Asif, MCC Commissioner

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public from my client as under:-

My client is willing to purchase the property mentioned in the schedule from its owner and he is in Possession of the same.

Therefore, any person/s, Financial Institution/s having any right, claim or interest in the schedule property or portion of the Schedule Property, shall forward their objections to the under signed in writing along with supporting documents within **10 (TEN) days** from the date of this Public Notice. Any claim or objection received after the expiry of the said period, will not be binding over the schedule mentioned property and my client.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All the piece and parcel of the Agriculture Land Situated at Jayapura Village, Jayapura Hobli, Mysuru Taluk and Mysuru District ITEM No. 1: Land Bearing Sy No.222/2 (old No.222) measuring 1 Acre 23 Guntas bounded on:- East: Land belongs to Mahadevamma, West: La.Sa No.247, North: Sy.No.222/3 belongs to Rachashetty, South: Road. ITEM No. 2: Land Bearing Sy No. 222/3 (old No.222) measuring 0-32 Guntas bounded on: East: Land belongs to Mahadevamma, West: La.Sa.No. 247, North: La.Sa.No.221, South: Land belongs to Kikkeri Shetty

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Date: 24-01-2026, Place: Mysore

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HERE BY GIVEN to the public that my client **Sri. M.NAGARAJAMURTHY** S/o. MALLANNA, aged about 45 years, Residing at No. 1327, Housing Board Colony, Anitha Convent Road, Malavalli Town, Mandya District - 571430, is intending to purchase schedule property from Smt. M N Vijayalakshmi W/o Shivashankar H, aged about 68 years, residing at No. 2694, Keerthi Nagara, Malavalli Town, Mandya District-571430. If anybody has any claim over the schedule property, they shall lodge their claim along with relevant documents within **07 days** from the date of this notice to the under signed, failing which it will be considered that there will be no claim and our client will proceed to complete the transaction. Any objection received subsequent to the above date will not be entertained.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of Property No: 42-508-7D, Assessment No: 6767/5497 ward No: 05, situated at: 7D, Ugranapuradu Doddi, Malavalli, Mandya Measuring East to West: 10.36 Meters, North to South 10.66 Meters, Totally 110.4376 Square Meters. Bounded on: East by: Road, West by: Property belongs to Venkategowda, North by: Property belongs to Yashodha, South by: Property belongs to Mallanna

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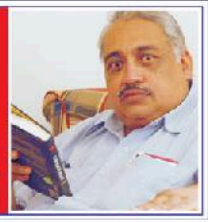
Over a cup of evening Tea

By Dr. K. Javeed Nayeem, MD



Hyder Ali Road: The Conundrum Continues!

The narrow bottleneck near Karnataka Police Academy.

Very recently, all Mysuru-loving Mysureans were rudely jolted awake after a clandestine midnight operation by the authorities felled forty fully grown copper pod trees on the stretch of Hyder Ali Road running between the Police Quarters and the Karnataka Police Academy.

Outraged citizens even held protests, upon which they were quickly reassured that a proper enquiry would be held to identify the offenders and bring them to book for their rash and thoughtless act, in which I see much malicious intent of shameless profiteering too.

Short public memory

But this reassurance of an inquiry was rightly seen by most right-thinking people only as a placebo injection to assuage ruffled emotions, while allowing the proverbial short public memory to push the matter into the newly laid stormwater drains at the roadside there.

As expected, recently, a clean chit was honourably issued to all the culprit officials by the Forest Department, not only absolving them of any wrongdoing but also justifying the sacrificing of those trees as an essential act to widen the road and convert it into a two-lane affair, which again is completely unnecessary, considering the very low traffic density there.

This is a clear case of the 'fence itself eating the crop' because it is the forest officials who are vested with the responsibility of safeguarding our fast-vanishing trees and green cover, instead of doing which, they turned out to be abettors of the certainly grievous crime!

Laws meant to be broken

Nothing very surprising though, in our country, where laws are meant to be broken rather than to be followed, because perpetrators of most crimes go unpunished, if they have enough clout and the right connections.

Not being content with having started the widening of this road, operations have now started to also lower its level to get rid of the slight gradient, at its junction with the road that comes from the Nexus Mall.

The reason touted for this is that it will improve the visibility, although the regular road users never at any time felt that visibility was impaired sufficiently to make it unsafe. So, it looks like those in power and their associates only want to continue working on projects that are completely unnecessary for public good but are certainly good at enriching themselves.

Contentious issue

Now, there is a new area along this very same road where we are very likely to see another contentious issue. The entire stretch of Abba Road running in front of the Government House, from the Five Lights Circle till the Police Academy, was widened a few years ago, again by felling some very beautiful avenue trees, leaving the magnificent arched gate of the Government House standing forlorn in its middle. That its western end has continued to remain a narrow bottleneck over more than two decades, due to legal hurdles in land acquisition, is a fact well-known to most of us.

Trouble at eastern end

But the trouble that I am foreseeing now lies at the Eastern end of the widened section running in front of a Hotel, which is now serving only as a free parking place for tourist buses and cabs. Beyond this point the compound wall of the Police Academy begins and the abrupt block can be clearly seen in the picture above, under the hoarding from which a pretty lady is urging us to match our trust with hers, in buying gold and diamonds!

Here the ongoing road has remained a very narrow bottleneck, till it joins the now widened Hyder Ali Road. **And, here lies the Hobson's Choice! If this tiny stretch of about a hundred metres is left as it is, it will completely defeat the purpose of spending crores of taxpayer's money and felling forty beautiful trees with the excuse of road widening.**

And if the authorities decide to widen this stretch too, as they most likely will, they can do so only by felling at least twenty more beautiful trees that stand just within the premises of the Police Academy. This proposal alone, let alone the actual act of felling, will certainly incur the wrath of citizens who will be forced to take to the roads and protest against it.

Protecting the trees

Yes, protest we should, to protect these trees and prevail upon the authorities to think of other alternatives.

I think there is a way out, if someone is willing to listen and what I propose is that while widening this stretch, we should leave these trees in the median that has now been planned all along this road. They will do no harm and if similar trees are planted in the median of the continuing stretches too, both towards the Five Lights Circle and the SP's Office Circle, we will have a really beautiful road that will in a few years from now, complement the majesty of our Government House and enhance the beauty of the Police Academy too.

And, maybe in doing so, it will also serve as an act of atonement, for all the wrong that we have already done there! Let's all think about it, before we let the lumberjacks loose on that place.

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Aadhaar Seva Kendra closed

Mysuru, Jan. 25- Aadhaar Seva Kendra at Ramavilas Road in city will remain closed on Jan. 26 on account of Republic Day, according to a press release from Aadhaar Seva Kendra Manager Col. N.G. Krishna Prasad (retd.).

Skill Development Programme

Mysuru, Jan. 25- Sarada Vilas College of Pharmacy and Arivu Skill Development Academy have jointly organised a Skill Development Programme at the College premises in Krishnamurthypuram on Jan. 27 at 10 am.

Former Mysore University Vice-Chancellor Prof. T.K. Umesh will be the chief guest. Arivu Director H.V. Vishvesh will be the resource person.

Sarada Vilas Educational Institutions Hon. Secretary R. Dinesh will be the guest of honour. Sarada Vilas College of Pharmacy Principal Dr. Hanumanthachar Joshi will preside, according to a press release.

Obituary

H.K. Gowramma

Mysuru, Jan. 25- H.K. Gowramma (73), wife of late H.N. Krishnamurthy and a resident of Vidyaranyapuram, passed away this morning in city.

She leaves behind her sons Banuprakash and Guruprasad (Journalist) and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at the foot of Chamundi Hill this afternoon.

Jayalakshmi

Jayalakshmi (71), wife of late Sripati of Haradanahalli village in Chamarajanagar and a resident of Vidyaranyapuram, passed away yesterday in city.

She leaves behind her son Nagashayana, daughter Jyothi, son-in-law, grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at the foot of Chamundi Hill this afternoon.

M.S. Bharati

M.S. Bharati (55), wife of Srinivas and a resident of Industrial Layout 3rd Stage in J.P. Nagar, passed away following brief illness on Thursday in city. She leaves behind her husband, son Vishnu, brother M.S. Kiran and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at the foot of Chamundi Hill on Friday.

Greater Mysuru City Corporation

Leaders object to Varuna's exclusion

The prominent leaders of Mysuru taluk held a meeting on the exclusion of Varuna Hobli from the jurisdiction of Greater Mysuru City Corporation (GMCC), at a private engineering college premises in Chikkahalli yesterday.

Mysuru, Jan. 25 (BCT)- Leaders from Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's home constituency of Varuna have decided to formally object to the State Government's notification on the formation of the Greater Mysuru City Corporation (GMCC).

A meeting to discuss the exclusion of Varuna Hobli from the proposed GMCC limits was held yesterday at the auditorium of a private engineering college near the Big Banyan Tree in Chikkahalli. The meeting was chaired by Sharath Puttabuddi.

Addressing the gathering, Sharath Puttabuddi expressed disappointment that the State Government's Jan. 8 notification on the formation of the GMCC had left out Varuna Hobli. Terming the decision unscientific, he demanded that the Varuna areas be included within the GMCC limits.

Closer areas ignored

He pointed out that villages under Yelwal, Nagawala and Beerihundi Panchayats — located nearly 20 km west of Mysuru — have been included, while villages much closer to the city in the east, including those in the Chief Minister's own constituency, have been excluded.

Areas such as Mosambayanahalli, Varuna, Vajamangala and Devalapura Panchayat villages, along with Mysuru Development Authority (MDA) layouts and private residential localities, have been ignored despite meeting all eligibility criteria. "Why these areas were left out remains a big question," he said.

Residents from various villages and layouts resolved to continue their agitation until Varuna Hobli is included in the GMCC.

It was decided to submit objections and suggestions to the Directorate of Municipal Administration before the final deadline and to urge all elected representatives, including the district in-charge minister, to intervene.

If the Government fails to respond positively, the participants decided to form a 'Greater Mysuru City Corporation Struggle Committee' to intensify the protest.

The meeting was attended by former Zilla Parishat president K.N. Puttabuddi, MyCEM Engineering College president Shivappa, trustee M. Kishore Biddappa, former Mayor Dakshinamurthy, Manjunath, retired ZP CEO Shivakumar, Chikkahalli Krishnamurthy, Madappa, Praveen, Siddharth, Shivaswamy, Lohith, Vasudevan, Jayaram and several others.

Reform MCC first, then talk of Greater Mysuru: MP

Mysuru, Jan. 25 (BLU&BCT)- Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar has alleged that corruption in the Mysuru City Corporation has crossed all limits and urged the State Government to first carry out greater reforms within the civic body before proceeding with the formation of a Greater Mysuru.

In a press statement, Yaduveer accused the MCC of misusing public funds and cited the recent suspension of three women employees as evidence of malpractice.

He said the absence of elected representatives, lack of effective supervision, failure to implement reforms and poor accountability were the main reasons for rampant corruption in the civic body.

Despite this, he added, the Government has continued to delay municipal elections, further aggravating the situation.

Holding the State Government directly responsible for allowing corruption to thrive in local administration, Yaduveer stressed that before expanding Mysuru into a larger municipal entity, the Government must first ensure transparency, accountability and meaningful reforms within the existing Corporation.

Two arrested for cattle theft

Mysuru, Jan. 25 (MK&DM)- The Nanjangud Town Police, who arrested two persons for cattle theft, have recovered 2 Scorpio cars and Rs.30,000 cash from them.

Siddique Pasha and Sulaiman Pasha, residents of Kesare in Mysuru are the ones who have been arrested.

They have been accused of stealing 5 cows belonging to one Shivakumar, a resident of Vokkalageri in Nanjangud town, on Jan. 6.

The Police, who conducted investigation into the case, tracked down Siddique and Sulaiman and arrested them on Jan.22. Following the arrest of the two and based on their confession, the Police have cracked cattle theft cases earlier registered at different stations, including one in Pandavapura Police Station, 2 cases in Mysuru's N.R. Police Station and 1 case each registered in Srirangapatna, K.R. Pet, Nanjangud town, H.D. Kote, T. Narasipur, Biligere and Bilikere Police Stations.

During interrogation, the two culprits also confessed that they sold the stolen cattle to the slaughter house in Usmania Block of Kesare, Mysuru, following which 2 cars used for theft and Rs. 30,000 cash were recovered from them.

Fire in ambulance; fuel leak, short circuit suspected

Mysuru, Jan. 25 (SPN&BS)- Fire erupted at an ambulance belonging to a Govt. Hospital, near Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Bhavan on Dewan Seshadri Iyer Road in city yesterday afternoon, triggering tense moments for some time.

The ambulance belonging to Government General Hospital, Begur in Gundlupet taluk, Chamarajanagar district, was returning after shifting a patient to a private hospital here. Following the suspected leakage of diesel from the fuel tank, sparks of fire was noticed, along with short circuit in the electrical cables in the vehicle.

Fire and Emergency Services personnel in Saraswathipuram Fire Station, who were informed, rushed to the spot and doused the flames, averting what could have led to a major damage.

Unsold and expired liquor, beer destroyed

Mysuru, Jan. 25 (MTY&KS) - The Excise Department officials have destroyed 119.520 litres of liquor and 4791.090 litres of beer that was unsold and expired at Karnataka State Beverages Corporation Limited (KSBCL) Depot -1 and Depot - 2 at Koorgalli recently.

Excise Deputy Superintendent H.K. Ramesh, officials and staff were present.

Drug peddler sentenced to four years jail

Mohammed Akbar

Mysuru, Jan. 25 (KS)- The city's 7th Additional District and Sessions Court has sentenced a drug peddler to four years jail term besides imposing a fine of Rs. 40,000 after he was found guilty of selling narcotic substance.

The convict is Mohammed Akbar, a resident of Shanthinagar in city.

Udayagiri Police, who had registered a case against him on charges of selling drugs, conducted investigations and had submitted a charge sheet against Akbar to the Court.

The Judge, who heard the arguments from both sides found the accused guilty of the charges and sentenced him to jail besides imposing the penalty.

Painter dies after accidental fall

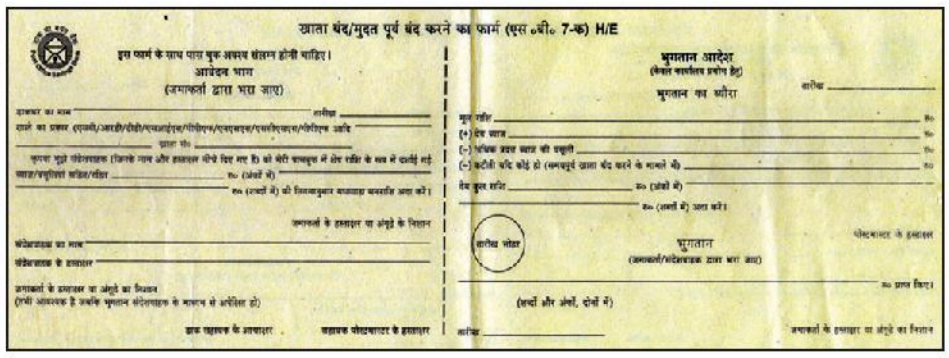
Mysuru, Jan. 25- In a tragic incident, a painter died after accidentally falling from an Apartment building in Lakshmipuram on Thursday.

The deceased has been identified as N. Satish (47), a resident of Kyathamaranahalli in the city.

Following instructions from the Apartment engineer Deepak, Satish was painting the outside portion of a wall of the Apartment, when he slipped and fell to the ground, after the rope tied to a scaffolding pole got cut. As a result, he sustained serious head injuries and was rushed to JSS Hospital, where he died.

Lakshmipuram Police have registered a case in this regard against engineer Deepak.

Only Hindi-English at post offices, Kannada ignored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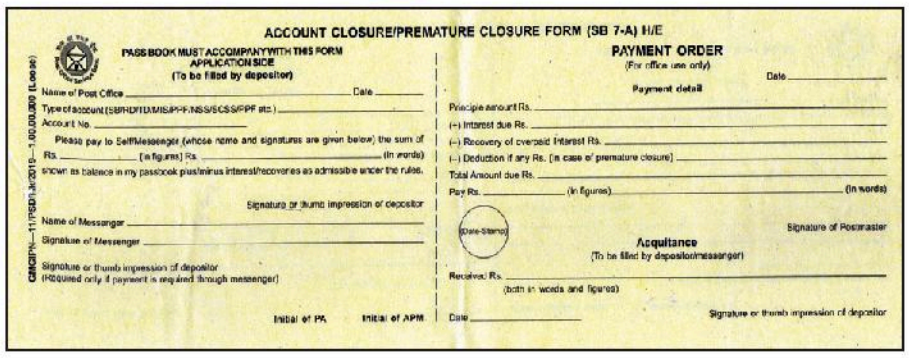
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(To be filled by depositor/messenger)

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Challans printed in Hindi and English, excluding Kannada, are now available at Post Offices in the city.

Mysuru, Jan. 25 (SBD&BCT)- Postal services, heavily relied upon by the general public, are increasingly sidelining the Kannada language.

In post offices, transaction documents — including challans used for depositing and withdrawing money — are printed only in English and Hindi, leaving many citizens struggling to fill out forms and forcing them to seek assistance.

This is not the first instance of such neglect. In 2014, widespread protests by pro-Kannada activists across the State compelled the Postal Department to introduce challans and slips in Kannada along with English, significantly improving accessibility.

However, in recent years, most post office transactions have reverted to English and Hindi. A similar situation had earlier arisen in certain nationalised banks, where Kannada was ignored until public protests led to the introduction of bilingual documents.

A senior citizen who depends on postal services expressed disappointment over what he termed the department's "anti-Kannada stance."

Schemes' beneficiaries face hurdles

Under the Jan Dhan scheme, many households — including women — opened savings accounts in post offices to set aside small emergency funds. However, during deposits or withdrawals, customers face difficulties as challans are available only in English and Hindi. Those who are uncomfortable seeking help often bring family members to assist them.

Beneficiaries of social security schemes, including old-age pensions, widow pensions and disability allowances, face similar hardships every month.

Although challans and other documents have been printed in Kannada, they are not being supplied to post offices. Staff cite logistical reasons, but have taken no concrete steps to ease customers' difficulties.

Critics point out that the State Government, the Kannada Development Authority, the Kannada Sahitya Parishat and other Kannada organisations have failed to take note of the issue. They describe the continued neglect as both surprising and disappointing.

The Postal Stationery Department, which prints and supplies materials to post offices across the country, has ensured bilingual documentation in States such as Tamil Nadu following sustained protests.

In Karnataka, however, where no recent agitation has occurred, challans and slips continue to be printed only in English and Hindi. A senior postal officer of Kannada origin, speaking on condition of anonymity, admitted his frustration over the situation.

People must protest by closing post office accounts: KDA

Purushotham

Mysuru, Jan. 25 (SBD&BCT)- Chairman of the Kannada Development Authority (KDA), Purushotham Bilimale, has said that mere correspondence will not resolve the issue of neglect of Kannada in postal services and stressed that a large-scale protest is essential to safeguard the language.

Responding to Star of Mysore on the continued sidelining of Kannada in post office transactions, Bilimale said that under the Central Government, banks, post offices and public sector institutions such as BHEL have appointed a disproportionately large number of non-Kannada employees.

He alleged that within the federal framework, there is a systematic attempt to suppress regional languages and impose Hindi, while effective resistance has so far been lacking.

Bilimale asserted that submitting repeated petitions has failed to address language-related problems. He said people's representatives must raise the issue forcefully in Parliament and press for suitable legal amendments.

Citizens, he added, should also insist on using Kannada while interacting with officials from outside the State. If bank or post office staff refuse to communicate in Kannada, or if documents are unavailable in the language, account holders should protest by suspending their accounts.

He further alleged that the Central Government is deliberately preventing native-language speakers from entering its services. Since recruitment examinations are conducted only in Hindi and English, many Kannadigas fail to qualify, he said, adding that the Centre has ignored petitions from the State Government on this issue.

9 tribal achievers invited for R-Day celebrations

Mysuru, Jan. 25 (MTY&DM)- A total of nine members from tribal communities, including two from Mysuru district and four from Chamarajanagar district, are among achievers from various fields invited to participate in the Republic Day celebrations in New Delhi on Jan. 26.

The tribal achievers were jointly selected by the Karnataka Scheduled Tribes Welfare Department and the city-based Karnataka State Tribal Research Institute (KSTRI).

The selected group includes two members from the Jenukuruba and Koraga communities, categorised as Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs); two selected under the Adi Karmayogi Abhiyan of the Union Ministry of Tribal Affairs; four chosen under the DAJGUA (Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan) campaign; and one nominee of the State Government.

Two tribal leaders belonging to the first batch who left for New Delhi to participate in the Republic Day celebrations to be held in New Delhi tomorrow, seen along with Communication Officer H.S. Girijamba. Picture right shows, tribal leaders belonging to the second batch leaving for New Delhi, to take part in R-day fete, along with Communication Officer S. Chandrashekar.

All the selected members have left Mysuru for New Delhi and are expected to reach the national capital at least a day ahead of the Republic Day celebrations.

The tribal representatives are travelling in two batches. Those who left a couple of days ago in the first batch include Madegowda and Madamma, a couple from Mutugadagadde Podi in Chamarajanagar district; Mahadev and Rathnamma, a couple from Bedaguli Haadi; J.D. Jayappa of Ranigate Haadi in Periyapatna taluk; and Dyavappa Nayaka, State president of Rajya Nayakara Hitarakshana Vedike, who has been nominated by the Government.

Each batch comprises 10 members, including two officials and all expenses are being borne by the Union Ministry of Tribal Affairs.

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- **Sangam Theatre** — **Ph: 2520494**
  Cult (2026) (K) - 4 Shows
- **Padma Theatre** — **Ph: 2521923**
  Border 2 (H) - *4 Shows*
- **Woodlands Theatre** — **Ph: 2422871**
  Landlord (K) - 4 Shows
- **Mahadeshwara Theatre** — **Mob: 99008-20093**
  45 (K) - *4 Shows*
- **Gayathri Theatre** — **Ph: 2443568**
  Landlord (K) - 4 Shows
- **Prabha Theatre** — **Mob: 98454-14691**

- **Lido Theatre** — **Ph: 2420885**
  The Devil (K) - 4 Shows
- **Rajkamal Theatre** — **Ph: 2423554**
  Jockey (Ta) - 2 Shows; *Hot Spot 2 Much (Ta)* - 2 Shows
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  Border 2 (H) - *4 Shows*

MOVIES AT DRC CINEMAS Ph: 4240422 4241800

Border 2 (H)	(S-1)	10.20 am, 10.10 pm
	(S-4)	6.40 pm
Avatar Fire & Ash (E-3D)	(S-1)	2.10 pm
Dhurandhar (H)	(S-1)	6.05 pm
Cult (2026) (K)	(S-2)	9.45 pm, 7.15 pm
Chatha Pacha (Ma)	(S-2)	1.00 pm, 10.30 pm
Mankatha (Ta)	(S-2)	4.00 pm
Magic Mushrooms (Ma)	(S-3)	10.15 am
Jockey (Ta)	(S-3)	1.05 pm
Mana Shankara Vara Prasad Garu (Te)	(S-3)	4.05 pm
3D Mercy (E)	(S-3)	7.40 pm
Baby Girl (Ma)	(S-3)	10.05 pm
Landlord (K)	(S-4)	9.25 am, 3.35 pm, 10.30 pm
Mark (K)	(S-4)	12.40 pm

MOVIES AT MYSURU VISION CINEMAS Ph: 2973519

Landlord (K)	:	10.40 am, 1.40 pm, 3.35 pm 6.35 pm, 9.30 pm
Border 2 (H)	:	11.00 am, 1.00 pm, 7.30 pm, 9.35 pm
Cult (2026) (K)	:	12.30 pm, 4.40 pm, 6.25 pm
Avatar Fire & Ash (K-3D)	:	2.45 pm
Hot Spot 2 Much (Ta)	:	4.45 pm
Baby Girl (Ma)	:	7.45 pm

MOVIES AT NEXUS MALL

Baby Girl (Ma)	:	9.40 am, 7.40 pm
Border 2 (H)	:	10.15 am, 2.20 pm, 6.25 pm 9.30 pm, 10.30 pm
Mana Shankara Vara Prasad Garu (Te)	:	10.45 am, 6.10 pm
Chatha Pacha (Ma)	:	11.30 am, 10.20 am
Cult (2026) (K)	:	12.10 pm, 3.30 pm, 6.50 pm, 10.10 pm
Landlord (K)	:	12.15 pm, 3.30 pm, 6.45 pm, 10.00 pm
Mankatha (Ta)	:	12.20 pm
Dhurandhar (H)	:	2.05 pm, 3.35 pm
Marty Supreme (E)	:	2.20 pm, 9.50 pm
Primate (E)	:	5.25 pm
3D Mercy (E)	:	7.30 pm

MOVIES AT GARUDA MALL

Dhurandhar (H)	:	9.55 am, 2.00 pm, 6.05 pm
Border 2 (H)	:	10.15 am, 2.20 pm, 6.25 pm, 10.30 pm
Cult (2026) (K)	:	12.05 pm, 3.45 pm, 6.40 pm, 10.20 pm
Landlord (K)	:	12.30 pm, 3.25 pm, 7.05 pm, 10.00 pm
Baby Girl (Ma)	:	10.10 pm

EVENTS TODAY (JAN. 25)

- **Nruthyathi Kalaashale, Mysuru:** Bharatanatyam Rangavidhipraveshika of Harshini Iyer, a dedicated disciple of Guru Anusha Varun, Jaganmohan Palace auditorium, **4.30 pm.**
- **Srujanatmaka Besuge:** Music-Drama-Science, Child Psychiatrist Dr. Shekar Seshadri delivers talk on 'Roopa mattu Tantravagi Pradarshana Kale,' Indian Institute of Educational Theatre (IIET), Hardwicke School premises, **6 pm.**
- **Sadhana Mandira:** Special training to perform Saraswati Puja by Swami Hamsananda, Sri Prasanna Mahaganapati Temple, N.R. Mohalla, **6.30 pm to 7.15 pm.**
- **Avadhoota Datta Peetham:** 4k Projection Mapping on 45-ft tall Karya Siddhi Hanuman statue, Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda (SGS) Ashram, Dattanagar, Nanjangud Road, **(3 Shows) 7.10 pm, 7.40 pm and 8.10 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (JAN. 26)

- **University of Mysore (UoM):** R-Day celebrations, UoM VC Prof. N.K. Lokanath hoists National Flag, Crawford Hall, **7.30 am.**
- **Vidyavardhaka Educational Institutions:** 77th Republic Day celebrations, advocate Gokul Govardhan hoists National Flag, Vidyavardhaka Sangha Hon. Treasurer Shrishaila Ramannavar presides, VVS Administrative Board Member S. Shivalingaiah chief guest, Institution premises, **7.30 am.**
- **Sri Nataraja Pratishtana - Sri Nataraja Educational Institutions:** R-Day, Pratishtana President Sri Chidananda Swamiji graces the occasion, ex-Serviceman M.S. Surendranath hoists National Flag, Pratishtana Special Officer Prof. S. Shivarajappa presides, School premises, **8 am.**
- **KSOU:** R-Day, Flag hoisting, KSOU VC Prof. Sharanappa V. Halse presides, Journalist Amshi Prasanna Kumar main speaker, Administrative Block, KSOU premises, **8 am.**
- **Taponandana Udyanavana Balaga:** R-Day, MLA T.S. Srivatsa hoists National Flag, former Mayor Shivakumar presides, Taponandana Park, Kuvempunagar, **8.30 am.**
- **Srikantha Educational Institutions:** R-Day, Srikantha Girls High School HM G. Gayathri hoists Tricolour, Srikantha Women's PU College Principal (in-Charge) S. Madalambika presides, Srikantha Samskruta Pathashale HM N.V. Lakshmi chief guest, Institution premises, Shankar Mutt Layout, Khille Mohalla, **8.30 am.**
- **The Acme School:** R-Day, hoisting of National Flag, Nutritionist Dr. Sushma Ayyappa chief guest, School premises, Nivedithanagar, **8.30 am.**
- **Trayinyas Shrividya Foundation:** Sri Shyamala Navarathri Mahotsava, Mahabhisheka, Sapthashathi Parayana, Srichakrarchana, Navavarana Puja, **8.30 am;** Sri Dasha Shyamala Homa, Trayinyas, #8, 7th Main, 3rd Block, Jayalakshmipuram, **5.30 pm.**
- **Deepa Education and Service Trust:** R-Day, KSOU Asst. Professor Dr. V.M. Ramesh chief guest, Trust Vice-President Sadashiva Poojari presides, Deepa School premises, Roopanagar, **8.45 am.**
- **District Administration:** 77th Republic Day celebrations, District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa hoists National Flag, MLA Tanveer Sait presides, Torchlight Parade Grounds, Bannimantap, **9 am.**
- **Sarada Vilas Educational Institutions:** R-Day, Institution President Dr. B.M. Subraya hoists National Flag, Air Commodore T.M. Srinath (Indian Air Force) chief guest, Institution premises, Krishnamurthypuram, **9 am.**
- **Karnataka Samskrit University, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Study & Research Centre and Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Training, Research and Extension Centre, Sri Shankaravilasa Samskruta Pathashale and Sri Shankaravilasa Samskruta College:** Special lecture on 'Life, writings and thoughts of Dr. Ambedkar' by Karnataka Samskrit University Dy. Director (Prasaranga) Dr. B. Govinda; Dr. Sri Mummadi Chandrashekara Shivacharya Swamiji of Sri Aramane Japadakatte Mutt graces the occasion, Sri Shankaravilasa Samskruta Pathashale Samiti Secretary S. Jnanashankar inaugurates, Sri Aramane Japadakatte Mutt, **10.30 am.**
- **Samskruthi Book Agencies:** Releasing of book 'Dheemanta Mahile Kamala Gopalaswamy' (authored by Dr. M.S. Vijay Haran) by M.G. Rajanikanth, retd. Manager, Media India Ltd., Bengaluru; Dr. A.S. Chandrashekar, doctor and President, Gopalaswamy Educational Institutions, Mysuru, presides; N.R. Manjunath, Correspondent, Gopalaswamy Educational Institutions, speaks about the book, Dr. M.V. Gopalaswamy Shishuvihara premises, Lakshmipuram, **11 am.**
- **Srujanatmaka Besuge:** Music-Drama-Science, staging of play 'Dhin Chek Pom Pom,' a children's play (Language: Gibberish), Indian Institute of Educational Theatre (IIET), Hardwicke School premises, JLB Road, **6 pm.**

EVENTS ON TUESDAY (JAN. 27)

- **Mysuru District Amateur Cycling Association, Department of Youth Empowerment & Sports, Cycling Federation of India (CFI) and Sports Authority of India (SAI):** Talent Identification Programme (TID) for Mountain Biking (MTB), Chamundi Vihar Stadium, **6.30 am.**
- **Sarada Vilas College of Pharmacy and Arivu Skill Development Academy:** Skill Development Programme, former UoM VC Prof. T.K. Umesh chief guest, Arivu Director H.V. Vishvesh resource person, Sarada Vilas Educational Institutions Hon. Secretary R. Dinesh guest of honour, Sarada Vilas College of Pharmacy Principal Dr. Hanumanthachar Joshi presides, College premises, Krishnamurthypuram, **10 am.**
- **Priyadarshan Samskrutika Vedike, Srirangapatna, Mandya:** Ramayana Discourse Series by Vid. G.N. Bhatta, Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **6 pm.**
- **Trayinyas Shrividya Foundation:** Sri Shyamala Navarathri Mahotsava, Srichakrarchana, Navavarana Puja, **10 am;** Sagraha Makha Chandi Yaga, Trayinyas, #8, 7th Main, 3rd Block, Jayalakshmipuram, **1 pm.**
- **Institution of Engineers-India (IEI), Mysuru Local Centre:** Technical talk on 'Post tensioning structures introduction and applications' by Rakshith Shetty, Director/Technical Head, Canadian Pre-stressing Services Pvt. Ltd., Bengaluru; H.S. Suresh Babu, Chairman, Institution of Engineers-India (IEI), Mysuru Centre, will preside, IEI premises, JLB Road, **6 pm.**
- **Sadhana Mandira:** Special training sessions to perform simple and diligent Saraswati Puja by Swami Hamsananda, Sri Prasanna Mahaganapati Temple, Ganapati Temple Road, N.R. Mohalla, **6.30 pm to 7.15 pm.**

MOVIES AT MALL OF MYSORE

Cult (2026) (K)	:	10.00 am, 1.20 pm, 7.00 pm
Landlord (K)	:	10.00 am, 4.05 pm, 10.00 pm
Border 2 (H)	:	10.15 am, 2.20 pm, 6.25 pm, 10.30 pm
Mana Shankara Vara Prasad Garu (Te)	:	12.15 pm, 6.50 pm
Chatha Pacha (Ma)	:	1.15 pm
Mankatha (Ta)	:	3.35 pm
3D Mercy (E)	:	4.40 pm
Baby Girl (Ma)	:	7.20 pm
Dhurandhar (H)	:	10.10 pm
The Raja Saab (K)	:	10.20 pm

MOVIES AT CENTRO MALL

Landlord (K)	:	9.55 am, 1.10 pm, 7.05 pm
3D Mercy (E)	:	10.40 am, 4.20 pm
Cult (2026) (K)	:	1.00 pm, 6.40 pm, 10.00 pm
Hot Spot 2 Much (Ta)	:	1.00 pm
Border 2 (H)	:	1.50 pm, 5.55 pm, 10.00 pm
Chatha Pacha (Ma)	:	3.35 pm
Baby Girl (Ma)	:	4.25 pm
Teertharoopa Tandeyavarige (K)	:	6.25 pm
Magic Mushrooms (Ma)	:	9.30 pm
Mana Shankara Vara Prasad Garu (Te)	:	10.20 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there is no minimum audience of 15.

Special lecture

Mysuru, Jan. 25- As part of Republic Day celebrations, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Research and Extension Centre, Manasagangothri, has organised special lecture at its premises tomorrow (Jan. 26) at 11 am.

Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Chair Visiting Professor Prof. Rahamat Tarikere will deliver a lecture on 'Samvidhanika Samskruti' on the occasion.

University of Mysore (UoM) Vice-Chancellor (VC) Prof. N.K. Lokanath will inaugurate the programme. Centre Director Dr. S. Narendrakumar will preside.

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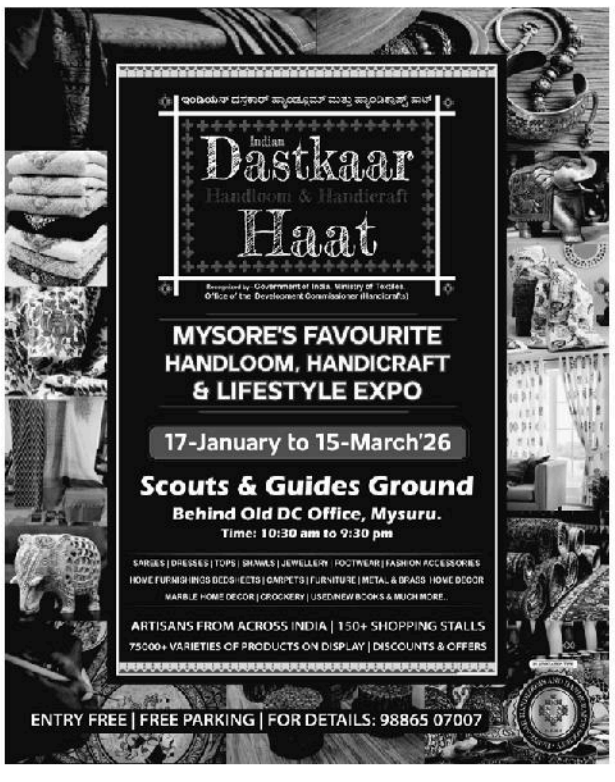
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